

REMARKS:

The claims in the application are 21-49 and Claims 50-52 added by the present Amendment.

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.


Another copy of DE 3820170 cited in the first Information Disclosure Statement in the present application is enclosed in accordance with the request in paragraph 2 of the Final Office Action, together with another copy of Form PTO-1449 listing this reference. It is respectfully requested that this reference be made of record in the present application. While a legible copy of this reference was indeed submitted with Information Disclosure Statement as timely filed in this application, nevertheless another clean copy of this reference is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience to expedite matters. Please contact the undersigned attorney should there still be any questions in this regard,

The claims have been explicitly amended to eliminate the formal rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, raised in paragraph 4 of the final Office Action. In this regard, it is emphatically asserted the claims quite clearly define the scope of the invention being claimed and provide proper cooperative interrelationship between all elements being claimed. For example, independent Claims 50-52 introduced herein respectively correspond the specific embodiments illustrated in Figs. 2-4 of the present application. It is noted the set of claims were sufficiently clear to the Examiner to sustain a prior art rejection in the previous Office Action mailed November 6, 2001 (Paper no. 10); that art rejection had been successfully traversed by the Applicant.

In any event, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the earliest convenience to discuss the present application should the Examiner have any questions. The requisite papers for filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are enclosed together with the corresponding fee and a Petition for Three Month Extension of Time plus requisite extension fee.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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